

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT

DATE: November 5, 1990

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POLREP NO.: Five (5).
INCIDENT/SITE NO.: 6 - 7
POLLUTANT: Volatile and aromatic organics, heavy metals,
oil.
CLASSIFICATION: Major
SOURCE: Muratti Environmental site.
LOCATION: State Road 385, Km. 3.5, Tallaboa Ward,
Penuelas, P.R.
AMOUNT: Unknown.
AFFECTED MEDIUM: Air, soil, ground and surface water.

1. SITUATION:

Same as Pol Rep No. 1.

2. ACTION TAKEN:

- A. On August 29, 1990, the Work Plan prepared by Law Environmental for Osvaldo Muratti, in compliance with the Order On Consent Index No. II CERCLA-00302, for the activities to be performed at the site was approved by EPA.
- B. Removal activities were planned to begin during the week of August 26-31, 1990.

- C. After several time extensions, Mr. Muratti failed to perform the removal activities as agreed, being in non-compliance with the Order On Consent.
- D. On May 11, 1990, the EPA Action Memorandum was signed to conduct a removal action using CERCLA trust fund monies.
- E. On October 29, 1990, EPA verbally activated OH Materials (OHM), the Emergency Removal and Cleanup Services (ERCS) contractor, for the removal actions. OHM subcontracted Caribe Hydroblasting Environmental Division, for local support.
- F. On November 1, 1990, OHM mobilized to Penuelas, Puerto Rico.
- G. On November 4, EPA On Scene Coordinator (OSC) arrived on scene.
- H. On November 5, at 1200 hours, EPA held a meeting with representatives of the following state agencies: PR Police Department, Penuelas Civil Defense, Medical Emergencies, Environmental Quality Board Ponce Office, and the Majors Office in an effort to coordinate available resources.
- I. EPA informed the adjacent residents and industries of the activities to be conducted at the site.
3. MEASURES WHICH COULD AVOID RELEASES OF SIMILAR NATURE:
Unknown at this time.
4. FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
- A. EPA will continue to oversight the removal activities being conducted by the EPA contractors.
- B. EPA will continue the Enforcement Action against ROHO Investment Corporation and Mr. Muratti.

FURTHER POLREPS FORTHCOMING: _____ FINAL POLREP: _____
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